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Dutch Prince Johan Friso's prognosis postponed



Dutch Queen Beatrix leaves University Hospital in Innsbruck with Prince Johan Friso's wife Mabel

THE HAGUE -- It may take Austrian doctors longer than first predicted to give a proper prognosis for Prince Friso after he was buried by an avalanche last Friday.

The Dutch Government Information Service says a medical prognosis is not expected to be given by the end of the week, as first thought. According to the service, "doctors will make an announcement about the prognosis when they are able. This is not the case at the moment."

The prince was buried

under snow for 20 minutes before being rescued and resuscitated. Since then, his condition has been described as stable but critical.

Queen Beatrix has decided to extend her stay in the Austrian ski resort of Lech in view of her son Prince Friso's critical condition in hospital there.

The government information service says Queen Beatrix will come back to the Netherlands at the weekend and return to Austria early next week. All her appointments for next week have been cancelled.

Aruba Tourism Authority unveils the official Aruba.com smartphone app

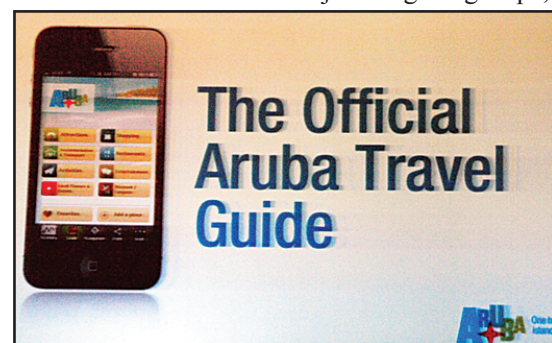
ATA officials, after conducting extensive surveys and examining the latest trends, have taken the next logical step in a digital presence for Aruba, and unveiled the Official Aruba Travel Guide app for smartphones during an informative evening at the Westin Aruba Resort this past Wednesday, February 22.

Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, applauded this necessary step in showcasing the island to potential visitors, and also providing the ultimate in information and convenience for those already vacationing here.

ATA CEO Ronella Tjin

Asjoe-Croes outlined plans to remodel and upgrade Aruba's --website, Aruba.com, while explaining the wealth of information uncovered that prompted the establishment of a smartphone app to complement the official site.

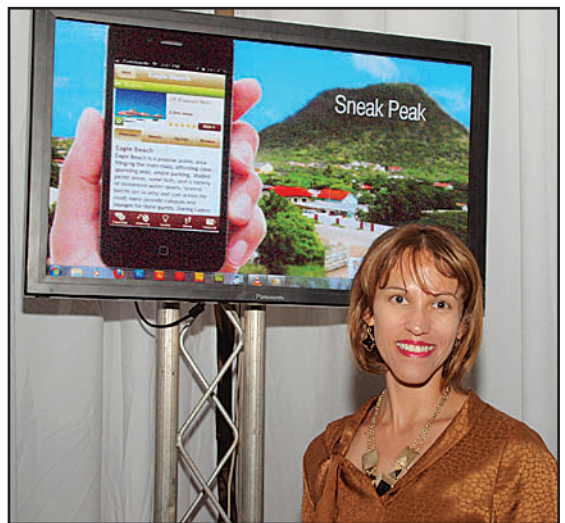
Last year, an extensive survey of visitors and potential visitors by a team from the University Of Central Florida Rosen School Of Hospitality Management, with an analysis of the findings, was commissioned by the Ministry of Tourism. One very interesting fact that came out of this was that 87% of those surveyed expressed that a smartphone app would most definitely improve their travel experience. Among a general survey of smartphone users, it was found that 69% regularly download fun and useful apps.



Statistics revealed that since 2009, sales of Android phones have skyrocketed, going from 7 million to 238 million An-

droid platform phones sold in 2011. The sales of Blackberrys and iPhones have also increased steadily since 2008, but not nearly as dramatically as Android phones.

Statistics also showed that in dividing the population into 4 age groups, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44 and 45-54, within each group, the greatest percentage of users were households with in-



ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes and sneak peek

with an experienced, but energetic young group called Aruba Travel Guide, with Brian Harms at the helm.

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Brian Harms and Guido Picus



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Explaining the new app to a fascinated audience

Mr. Harms explained the highly advanced, state-of-the-art engine to be deployed, which allows users to access information without data streaming from their home provider. The advantage of this is that visitors from the U.S. and other countries can use the app to find out the closest restaurant or shop to their location, including the exact distance with directions how to get there, without using their home provider network; this means no unpleasant "surprise" charges on their phone bill when they return home.

This same convenience literally provides offline access, meaning they can use it while traveling to Aruba in airplane mode; access all the directions



Use it before, during and after your visit

and descriptions they need while on island at no cost, and share their experience on Facebook or Twitter, again, at no additional expense. The app will store the photos and comments until the next time they access their e-mail through ei-

ther through their laptop or tablet, if traveling with those devices, or their resort's Internet communications center.

Another interesting feature of the advanced technology they have selected for the app is "augmented reality," where users can focus their camera on a particular scene, and little factoid bubbles will pop up, which they can access for information on what appears on their screen. The Official Aruba Travel Guide app can be downloaded from the Aruba.com site in English, Spanish or Portuguese and is completely free

for the user; they have selected a platform that has proven highly successful in over 40 cities around the globe.

Guido Picus heads the Aruba Tourism Authority's digital team and they are quite convinced this new app will engage and encourage potential visitors to discover Aruba. Always a leader in the marketing of the island, the introduction of the Official Aruba Travel Guide app is the first of its kind in the Caribbean. It will be available for download on Aruba.com in April, and those interested in being listed on their directories can contact ATG representatives Emilia Lopez Henriquez or Melissa Lacle at 588-5055, extension 25.

by Rosalie Klein

Aruba's tourism year off to a challenging start says ATA CEO

ORANJESTAD -- The year 2012 began with several challenges for Aruba's tourism, but... "with innovative ideas we will move forward and meet every challenge successfully," according to CEO of ATA, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

In a recent government press conference Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes reported on the results and figures for tourism for the month of January 2012. The ATA CEO mentioned that 2011 was a very positive year for Aruba's tourism. This was confirmed by the data received from The Caribbean Tourism Organization. Obviously, the positive results came despite the many challenges. One of the biggest challenges was from the US market, and especially the North-East region of the US. From the US market they saw a decrease of 3,555 visitors in the month of January 2012 compared to January 2011. Notably, 51% of our visitors come from the North-East region of the US.

There are various factors which play a role in this drop in visitors. The major factor is the changes which took place last year with American Airlines and Jet Blue, also the changes in airline management. Many airlines became more flexible in ensuring that there was sufficient capacity for all passengers.

Another factor which had a negative effect on us was the mild winter in the US. The weather was relatively good which caused many Americans to decide to stay at home. Other countries such as Barbados and Puerto Rico also felt the negative effect of this particular time period.

The January 2012 figures indicate a drop of 2603 visitors less compared to the figures of January 2011, which is the

equivalent of 3.5% less. This drop is attributed primarily to visitors from the US market.

With respect to the Latin American region we saw an increase of 4.16% in the month of January. This certainly indicates that there is great potential from this region.

Venezuela has grown by 8.5% and Argentina by 36%. The Colombian and Brazilian markets were affected by the growth of the Argentine market. This is because passengers from all three of these countries are using the same hub system primarily via Bogota.

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Carnival - after the dust has settled...was it worth it?

After 58 you would expect that there would be nothing less than smooth planning and preparations for Carnival festivities. Instead, what we got was the very same bickering, fighting, frustration, threats and potential boycott of the past years. Carnival is that time of the year when Aruba prepares for the worst case of immoral behavior and drinking and a total disregard for decency.

The local music industry and the Carnival organization

started off the season with the customary bickering and fighting and threats to not cooperate, or else. The police pulled out their yearly rule book on specific Carnival rules and once again outlined the actions they would take for breaking these rules.

But, after all the fuss and fuming, the bystander looks on and questions the whole thing. The questions that onlookers ask is..."is this supposed to be fun and enjoyable, or is it supposed to be this messy, disre-

spectful, painful and frustrating?"

After the dust has settled on Carnival, and we tally the damages done to private properties, the young lives that were led into different types of vices (drugs and alcohol and sexual promiscuity), the babies that will be born to children and teenagers within nine months of Carnival, the homes destroyed by drunkenness and reckless behavior, the dirt and clean up of debris left behind, and, often, the lives lost in traf-

fic or through outbursts of anger between people,...we ask,..."was it worth it?"

Of course those who put their hard earned money into Carnival, making carousels, costumes, balloons, feathers, and lots more, will tell us, despite all the problems and tragedies...that it was worth it. Certainly, commerce will tell us it was definitely worth it, for without Carnival they could not have made Afls.18 million or more in the sale of alcoholic beverages. The hardware

stores will tell us that they would not have sold thousands and thousands of Aruban florins for plywood and other lumber without Carnival; so for them too, it was worth it!

But, go home to the single Mom, who has been raising a daughter the best way she knows how to make her an upright, productive, respectable citizen, who is now faced with preparing for an unexpected baby from her under age teenager.

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Wendy's in Palm Beach hosted island media to introduce their beefed up (literally!) "Dave's Hot 'N Juicy Cheeseburgers," an improved version of their fa-

mous fast food. This new twist to an old favorite is not a limited time item, but their same fine cheeseburgers with a tasty twist, including thicker beef patties to satisfy the hungriest customer.

Press members were invited to try this new, improved version which is now served on a fresh, warm buttered bun, and includes thicker crinkle-cut pickle and tomato slices with sweet red onions instead of white.



Have to open wide to take in this baby



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There is no additional cost to the beefier, juicier burgers made of 100% American beef and the bigger patties on a buttered bun can be found in all their famous cheeseburgers, whether one chooses single, double or triple patties, alone or in a combo. Add to this a very appealing selection of fresh salads and Wendy's famous fried chicken, and there was something on the menu to please everyone; they even have fresh made lemonade and ice tea options.

Island media gave the new burgers two thumbs up for taste and satisfaction. If you are really hungry and hankering for a big, juicy burger, now you know where to go!

By Rosalie Klein

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Go home to the parent who is faced with a son who has gone off the deep end with drugs he was introduced to and enticed to try out during the Carnival festivities. Accompany the father of a teenager to the Police Jail to collect a son who was involved in a gang fight or other demeanor. Each of these scenarios is horrendously painful and is part and parcel of most Carnival festivities every year. Hence, we ask again... was it really worth it? The inerasable life changing scar on the teen who got pregnant, the trauma of kicking the drug habit of the teen who got hooked, the unspeakable pain of the loss of a loved one in a traffic accident or by the hand of some violent Carnival drunk, the sight of a disfigured face on a hospital bed from one of those street fights, are only a few of the results of what is purported to be a time of fun and enjoyment!

You may have noticed that many Christian groups have been moving away from all the Carnival activities and retreating to our beaches for the biggest Carnival weekend. No, it's not that they are afraid or feel superior. Absolutely not; they simply prefer to use the weekend to get together as Christian families for warm fellowship away from all the bululu and to focus on what they consider to be wholesome, productive activities. Many of these Christians know

exactly what to expect from the Carnival festivities for they were once staunch participants before they gave their lives to Christ. Now they have chosen to enjoy Carnival on the beach with fellow Christians in a quiet, peaceful, clean atmosphere far away from the hustle and bustle of Carnival as they knew it! They grab this opportunity to come together to rejoice together in the new life they have found in Jesus Christ... a life of peace and true contentment that no Carnival 'high' can give!

By the way, one observer has noted that the group of persons heading to the beach during that final Carnival weekend has grown considerably over the years. More and more people are discovering that they could have much more fun on the beach than in the hot sun behind scantily dressed women and men and dodging flying bottles or angry people throwing fists. Well, Carnival is here to stay! They tell us it is part of our culture, and it may very well be, but you don't have to make it part of you! Now that it's over, have you done the tally... how did Carnival affect you? Are you counting your blessings or your bruises - financial, physical or emotional? Christians and others who went to the beach instead are recounting only blessings!

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There was a total of 335 visitors less from this region in January 2012 compared to January 2011 when we combine Colombia and Brazil together.

As for the European market, ATA CEO reported that there was a small increase of 0.36%, although Holland grew strongly by 13.8% in the month of January 2012.

The countries that present the strongest challenge for Aruba are England and Italy, according to Tjin Asjoe-Croes. The prospects for an increase from Italy are great. However, to date, the challenge from Italy is the changes that Holiday Inn Hotel is going through. Their changes result in less available rooms.

According to Tjin Asjoe-Croes, there is very strong competition in the tourism industry around the Caribbean. This is why

Aruba is designing innovative ways to ensure that our tourism continues to grow.

Aruba is a premium destination and this level will be maintained by the use of attractive campaigns. We will avoid at all cost that Aruba be known as an "on sale" destination.

The upcoming CATA conference, which will take place on the 7 to 10 of March between partners and operators of Latin America, as well as the AME (Aruba Meets Europe) conference at the end of March, and the ATCA (North America) on 23 to 26 of April conference will open new doors for Aruba.

Direct and non-stop flights from Brazil will definitely be on our agenda.

We look forward to opportunities to continue our partnerships and to explore new opportunities, says the ATA CEO.



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Lynn makes the shirts with their photo from each year

During the winter months, Aruba and the many time-shares on the island are filled

with devoted island visitors that in Florida would be labeled "snowbirds," escaping the cold north for months at a time. Of course, those that chose Aruba realized they would be guaranteed good weather; a chancy proposition in Miami's far northern latitudes.

One of the most delightful groups we welcome back each year has been dubbed "The Happy Island Girls," seven women who live thousands of miles apart back in the U.S., but during their time on Aruba are inseparable. It has become a tradition every year for THE MORNING NEWS to take their picture at the Renaissance Beach Suites in Oranjestad, where they brighten the day of all around them.

Another tradition that has come from this is for that same picture to be then incorporated into their logo t-



Rosalie, Lynn, Marlene, Joanne, Audrey, Debbie, Trish

shirt the following year, made for all by Lynn Niebling of Vermont. The colors have gotten brighter and more distinctive from one year to the next.

This year they also sport a new marriage and two new grandchildren to talk about.

Here they are, The Happy Island Girls, in order

left to right: Rosalie La Citra, Lynn, Marlene Lerisky, Joanne Rohe, Audrey Houser, Debbie Rohe and Trish Rohe, thrilled to be back on Aruba again!

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UN given Syria crimes against humanity list

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Investigators yesterday gave the UN a list of Syrian officials suspected of crimes against humanity, with the US branding Bashar al-Assad's assault on his own people as "heinous and unforgivable."

As Assad's regime brushed off outrage over the deaths of two Western journalists in Homs, activists spoke of "terrifying explosions" while his forces pounded the city for a 20th straight day.

After monitors said more than 60 people had died across Syria, Washington slammed the attacks by regime forces on Syrians as "heinous and unforgivable."

"That's why we're working with a broad array of international partners to isolate and pressure Assad, to bring around a peaceful transition in that country," President Barack Obama's spokesman Jay Carney told reporters.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the Syrian National Council (SNC) was a "credible representative" of the country's opposition, ahead of a meeting in Tunisia of the "Friends of Syria" group.

The latest bombardment of Homs -- Syria's third-largest city -- centered on Baba Amr neighbourhood, where US reporter Marie Colvin and French photojournalist Remi Ochlik were killed on Wednesday.

In Geneva, international investigators said they had submitted a list of Syrian military and political officials suspected of crimes against humanity to UN human rights chief Navi Pillay.

WikiLeaks suspect Manning formally charged

FORT MEADE (AFP) - WikiLeaks suspect Bradley Manning was formally charged yesterday ahead of a court-martial that could see the US soldier sentenced to life in prison.

Manning was charged with 22 counts, the most serious of which is "aiding the enemy," for allegedly turning over a trove of classified US documents to WikiLeaks in one of the most serious intelligence breaches in US history.

The 24-year-old Manning is accused of passing hundreds of thousands of military field reports from Iraq and Afghanistan and US diplomatic cables to WikiLeaks between November 2009 and May 2010, when he was serving in Iraq.

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Nigeria military chief says Boko Haram has ties to Al-Qaeda

ABUJA (AFP) - Nigeria's top military chief said yesterday that the radical Islamist Boko Haram sect, which has been blamed for gun and bomb attacks that have killed hundreds of people, has ties to Al-Qaeda.

"We have been able to link the activities of the Boko Haram sect to the support and training the sect received from AQIM (Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb)," Air Chief Marshal Oluseyi Petinrin said.

It was the first such public comment by a top security official in Nigeria linking the group to Al-Qaeda.

Petinrin's remarks were contained in speech read out at

a meeting of security chiefs from the West African bloc ECOWAS by Nigeria's navy chief Vice Admiral Sa'ad Ibrahim.

A summit of leaders from 15 ECOWAS member states last week ordered an "urgent" meeting of security chiefs to draw up concrete plans to curb emerging security threats in the Sahel region and the Gulf of Guinea.

Earlier yesterday, gunmen shot dead four policemen near the home of Nigeria's police chief in the main northern city of Kano, in an attack that was suspected to have been the work of Boko Haram.

Tymoshenko health exam prevented, says Canadian doctors

OTTAWA (AFP) - The Ukraine's ex-premier Yulia Tymoshenko "is ill and in constant pain," Canadian doctors who examined her in prison said yesterday, adding that authorities denied her key blood and toxicology tests.

A team of Western doctors went last week to the prison where Tymoshenko is held to examine the opposition leader amid complaints about her treatment and health.

The three Canadian and two German medics included a car-

diologist and a nervous system expert, the former Soviet republic's penitentiary system said in a statement.

"After meeting and examining Mrs. Tymoshenko, it was the Canadian opinion that she required confidential blood and toxicology testing," doctor Peter Kujtan said in a letter to the Ukraine's ambassador in Ottawa, Troy Lulashnyk. A copy of the letter was obtained by AFP.

The medical team had been invited by the Ukraine to carry

Argentines seek answers after 50 killed in train crash

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentine families demanded answers yesterday, the day after a packed commuter train plowed into a Buenos Aires terminus during rush hour, killing 50 people and injuring more than 700.

The train, carrying around 2,000 passengers, slammed into a wall at a major railway station on Wednesday morning, sending carriages crashing into each other and crushing the passengers inside.

The Inspector General, who oversees the functioning of the state railways, called for authorities to cancel the concession to the private company, Trains of Buenos Aires (TBA), which operated the train.

The top official, who au-

ditioned the same suburban train line in 2008, said the accident was caused by a "lack of respect for the most basic rules."

"The situation was disastrous and the braking system was terrible (in 2008)," said Leandro Despouy. "The state authority has not taken measures since then, nor applied serious sanctions."

The head of TBA's technical department, Roque Cirigliano, rejected the accusations, telling reporters at the Once station, where the accident occurred: "This company invests even more than others."

Nearby passengers shouted "Murderers, murderers!" as he spoke.

In a statement, TBA said it did not know the cause of the crash and that it would give "all information and videos to the courts."

The train driver, aged 28,

was still in hospital and could not yet be questioned, according to a union official for the line, Ruben Sobrero.

"We want to speak to him to make some conclusions, but his health comes first," he said.

At the morgue, victims' families desperately searched for the missing, joined by teams of psychologists from the health ministry.

Most bodies were found in the first and second carriages.

The head of the city's emergency services, Alberto Crescenti, said on local radio that there were 703 wounded, according to the latest hospital counts.

The death toll reached 50, with 11 still unidentified, authorities said.

Meanwhile passengers returned to the station, with less people occupying the front carriages of trains.



out the examination and even brought along diagnostic equipment which could produce on-the-spot test results, Kujtan said.

But "the Ukrainian authorities refused to allow its use, stating that we would be breaking several laws of the land and could face prosecution," he said.

"The authorities also prevented the collection of any specimens vital for analysis." "Mrs. Tymoshenko was in full agreement and requested the confidential and independent testing," Kujtan added. "Any reports that she refused independent testing are false."

Honduran families demand new prison fire probe



HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa : AFP photo shows relatives of inmates killed by the blaze at Comayagua's prison, awaiting in a makeshift camp for their bodies to be released by authorities, in Tegucigalpa yesterday. Relatives of inmates who perished in a fire last week that left 360 dead in a Honduras prison demanded a new investigation Wednesday to confirm a report from US experts who said the blaze was accidental.

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War, neglect leave 500,000 Afghans homeless: Amnesty



KABUL (AFP) - Half a million Afghans displaced by war have been left homeless and struggling to survive because of government and international neglect, Amnesty International said Thursday.

Around 400 people join makeshift shelters around the country every day, Amnesty said in a report entitled "Fleeing war, finding misery", based on three years of research.

The government is "not only looking the other way but even preventing help from reaching them" in an attempt to avoid making the settlements permanent, Amnesty researcher Horia Mosadiq said.

The report calls on the government to remove conditions placed on humanitarian aid and on international donors to "ensure that their humanitarian assistance addresses the needs of internally displaced people".

Kabul alone houses up to 35,000 displaced persons in 30 slum areas around the city, according to the report.

Slum residents told Amnesty that they had fled their homes to escape the escalating war which has seen the number of civilian deaths rise steadily to a record of more than 3,000 in 2011, according to UN figures.

Most of the casualties are caused by Taliban insurgents,

but many displaced Afghans told Amnesty that they fled their homes in fear of NATO bombardment and to avoid being used as human shields by the militants.

Food is scarce in the camps and children in slum communities have little access to education, according to the report.

Most women give birth in difficult and unsanitary conditions without skilled attendants, increasing the risk of maternal and infant death in a country ranked among the world's worst places for maternal health, the report said.

With housing scarce and expensive in the main cities, families who flee the war construct makeshift dwellings from mud, poles, plywood and plastic sheeting that give them little protection from the cold in winter and heat in summer.

The report calls on the government to protect displaced people against forced eviction, guarantee their children access to primary education and allow them to be issued with identity cards so they can exercise their legal rights.

The head of the UN refugee agency Antonio Guterres told AFP this month that UNHCR was overhauling its strategy in a bid to stop returning Afghans from becoming destitute, and to focus on sustainable reintegration.



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Melanoma drug nearly doubles survival time: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A new drug to treat advanced skin cancer, or metastatic melanoma, has been shown to nearly double average survival time in a study of more than 130 patients, researchers said Wednesday.

Made by Genentech, a US subsidiary of the Swiss pharmaceutical giant Roche, the drug, Zelboraf, was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in August 2011, making it the first new treatment for melanoma in 13 years.

The latest study, an intermediate phase II trial whose results are published in the New England Journal of Medicine, followed 132 patients at 13 medical sites in the United States and Australia.

Study subjects survived an average of 15.9 months, when typical survival among people whose melanoma has spread to other organs is about nine months, it said.

"We knew this drug would make the melanomas shrink in a large proportion of patients and that it worked better than chemotherapy," said senior au-

thor Antoni Ribas, a professor of hematology and oncology and researcher at University of California Los Angeles's Jonsson Cancer Center.

"We did not know that patients taking Zelboraf were living longer until now."

The drug can be used to treat about half of all patients with metastatic melanoma, or about 4,000 patients in the United States each year, the researchers said.

Zelboraf, a twice-a-day pill, works by blocking a protein that is involved with cell growth in patients with advanced melanoma whose tumors express a gene mutation called BRAF V600E.

About 53 percent of patients with that mutation see their tumors shrink by more than 30 percent, while an additional 30 percent of patients see tumors get smaller but not quite as much.

The drug failed to elicit a response in 14 percent of patients.

Another drawback is that patients appear to develop resistance to the treatment over time, but scientists are trying

to find ways to stop that from happening, Ribas said.

Patients with advanced melanoma have few options for effective treatment, with less than 10 percent showing a response to other available therapies, the study authors said.

The National Cancer Institute says 68,130 new cases of melanoma were diagnosed in the United States in 2010 and about 8,700 people died from the disease.

According to the World Health Organization, skin cancer leads to 66,000 deaths annually worldwide, 80 percent of which involve melanomas.

US health experts give nod to new obesity drug

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An advisory panel to the US Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday urged approval of a new obesity drug, Qnexa, after warning against its approval in 2010 due to safety concerns.

The panel voted 20-2 that the FDA should allow Qnexa on the market, saying the latest overall benefit-risk assessment supported its approval.

The drug, made by California-based biotech firm Vivus,

is the first obesity drug submitted to the FDA in more than a decade.

Qnexa combines two existing drugs, the appetite suppressant phentermine and topiramate, an anti-convulsant that can be used in conjunction with other drugs for weight loss.

The FDA does not have to follow the advice of the advisory panel, though it usually does. A final decision is expected by April 17.

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SYDNEY, Australia - This photo, released by mining giant Rio Tinto on February 22, shows a 12.76 carat pink diamond -- the largest of the rare and precious stones ever found in Australia. Named the Argyle Pink Jubilee, the rough stone was found at Rio's pink diamond operations in the Kimberley region of western Australia and would take 10 days to cut and polish in Perth. **AFP PHOTO**



BUDAPEST, Hungary - A 3-metre (10 foot) effigy representing the nuclear industry burns in front of the parliament building in Budapest on February 23, 2012, during an anti-nuclear demonstration organized by Greenpeace activists. We need to protest against nuclear power because it is an unacceptable risk to the environment and to humanity - a Greenpeace activist said -, the only solution is to halt the expansion of all nuclear power, and start the shutdown of existing plant **AFP PHOTO**



ERFURT, Germany - Workers in the solar sector stage a protest in the eastern German city of Erfurt against the government's plans to cut subsidies for the solar power sector on February 23, 2012. **AFP PHOTO**

Sci-Tech

Shanghai court throws out case against Apple

(AFP) - A court in Shanghai threw out a civil case against Apple Inc on Thursday, citing a lack of evidence in a trademark dispute and ruled the US computer giant could continue iPad sales in the city.

The Shanghai case marked a victory for Apple in a protracted and ongoing legal battle with the debt-laden Proview Technology over rights to the iPad name.

In opening arguments Wednesday, Proview said it owned the Chinese rights to the "iPad" name and was seeking legal backing to force the US technology giant to stop selling the tablet computer in the city, where Apple has three stores.

It is very rare for a Chinese enterprise to accuse an overseas firm of trademark

breaches -- although foreign companies frequently complain of intellectual property rights violations in China.

On Thursday, the Pudong district court found "a lack of evidence that... the sales of the 'iPad' tablet computer constitutes a trademark violation."

The court also said in the statement on its website there was "no law or regulation" which prohibits Apple from continuing sales of the iPad.

"The court has decided to reject the provisional injunction and terminate the litigation of the case," it said.

The Taiwanese affiliate of Proview Technology registered "iPad" as a trademark in several countries including China as early as 2000 -- years before Apple began selling its product.

The US titan subsequently bought the rights for the global trademark, but Proview Technology, based in the southern city of Shenzhen, claims the Taiwanese affiliate had no right to sell the Chinese rights.

Apple last year took the firm to a Chinese court, claiming trademark infringement, but the court ruled the US company lacked "supporting facts and evidence" for its claim -- even though a Hong Kong court had previously sided with Apple.

Apple is now appealing that case but Proview, which makes computer monitors, has itself filed trademark lawsuits against Apple in China and is threatening to sue the technology giant in the United States for \$2 billion.

Beatles hits become mobile phone ringtones

(AFP) - Hits from The Beatles have finally joined the chorus of ringtones available for mobile phones.

Catchy 30-second snippets from more than two dozen of the famed 1960s British rock band's top tunes are available exclusively at Apple's online iTunes shop, a message said Wednesday on official website

thebeatles.com.

"Fans around the world can, for the first time, purchase ringtones for the Beatles' 27 UK and US #1 hits, exclusively on iTunes," the message announced.

"You can even assign your favourite tracks to your favourite people," it continued.

The ringtones were priced at \$1.29 each and could be downloaded for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch devices. The list of Beatles songs included "Can't Buy Me Love" and "Let It Be."

The Beatles arrived on iTunes in November of 2010 after what late Apple's Steve Jobs described at the time as "a long and winding road".

A decade had been spent getting the music of "Fab Four" -- Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr -- released in digital form for Apple's wildly popular mobile devices.

The vast catalog of Beatles hits had been held back for years from Internet download sites amid legal squabbles, although their songs have long circulated as unlicensed downloads available from unlicensed peer-to-peer networks.

Bill Gates urges digital revolution against hunger

(AFP) - Microsoft founder Bill Gates on Thursday called for a "digital revolution" to alleviate world hunger by increasing agricultural productivity through satellites and genetically-engineered seed varieties.

He gave as one example of innovation the genetic sequencing that allows cassava farmers in Africa to predict how individual seedlings will perform, shortening the time it takes to develop a new variety from 10 years to two.

Another key development is the use of satellite technology developed by defence departments to document data about individual fields, as well as information videos of farmers discussing best practices to help others.

Gates also defended the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the developing world and large-scale farm land investments by foreign states in the developing world

-- both highly controversial issues in the aid community. Gates also unveiled \$200 million (150 million euros) in new grants from his foundation to finance research on a new type of drought-resistant maize, a vaccine to help livestock farmers and a project for training farmers.



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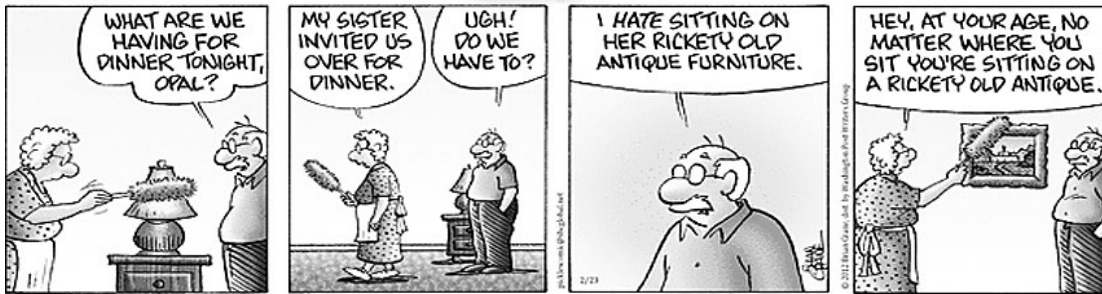
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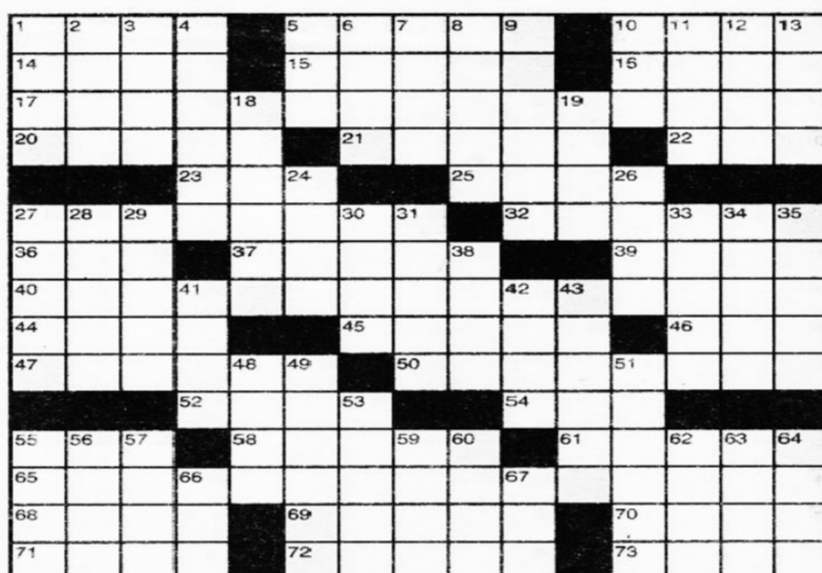
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27. Post-sledding beverage
28. Gustav ___ (former Swedish king)
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33. Morocco's capital
34. Gum resin
35. Quantum pioneer Paul
38. Maui bash
41. Weaver's frame
42. ___ chapter

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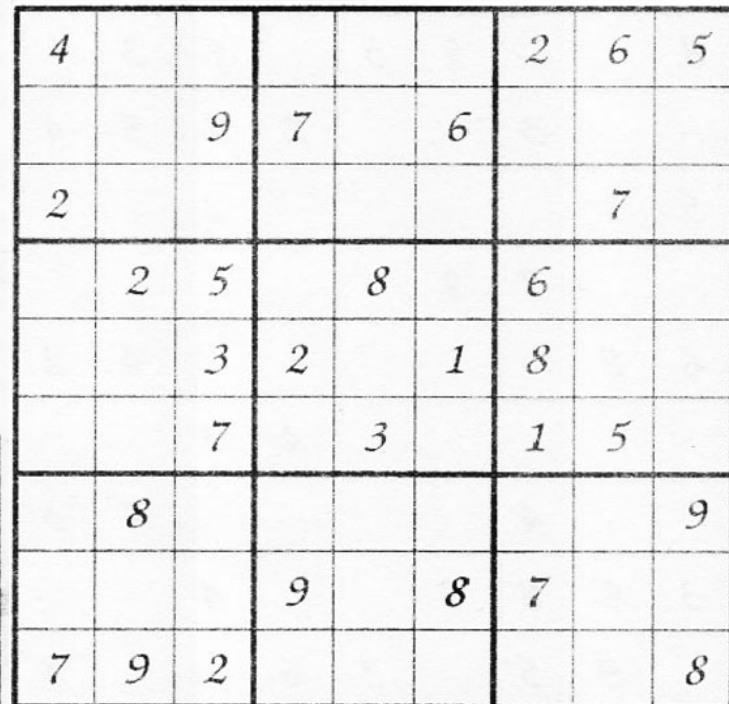
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Finance

Oil prices strike nine-month peaks on Middle East tensions

LONDON (AFP) - World oil prices surged to new nine-month highs yesterday, propelled by intensifying geopolitical concerns in the crude-rich Middle East region, traders said.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in April soared as high as \$124.50 per barrel, reaching a level last seen early May 2011.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) light sweet crude for April, rallied to a similar high at \$106.80.

"The strong upside rally in the oil market continues as WTI crude oil surged above \$106 per barrel, while Brent oil retested the \$124 per barrel area," said Sucden analyst Myrto Sokou.

"It seems that oil market looks overbought, while geopolitical tensions in Iran and Syria continue to remain the main driver amid the uncertain

macroeconomic conditions.

"In addition, there are ... reports that Japan will seek to decrease imports of Iranian crude by up to 20 percent which should only serve to increase energy costs within the country as the world's third largest crude importer."

The oil market had already spiked Tuesday on news that the European Union and Greece finally agreed a second bailout deal, while developments in key crude producer Iran also boosted prices.

A fruitless visit to Iran by UN nuclear inspectors raised tensions on Wednesday, with Russia warning of "catastrophic" consequences if it leads to a military attack on its Middle East ally.

Washington expressed disappointment, and France said Iran's refusal to let the inspectors in to a key military site was a "missed opportunity" that could undermine chances of re-

viving wider talks between Tehran and world powers.

The United States and Europe have been ramping up economic sanctions on Iran since November, when the IAEA published a report crystallising -- though not entirely validating -- Western suspicions it was pursuing nuclear weapons research in Parchin and elsewhere. The measures, targeting vital oil exports, added to four sets of non-economic UN sanctions.

Iran has repeatedly said the embargo would not deter it from its nuclear ambitions, and it has threatened to strike back at any military action, possibly by closing the Strait of Hormuz -- a key export route.

Tehran has also halted the limited amount of oil it exported to Britain and France and threatened to cut supplies to other EU states in retaliation for an EU oil embargo due to come fully into effect in July.

Meanwhile, in late afternoon deals yesterday, oil prices ran out of steam after a key US report showed a shock increase in American crude inventories, sparking demand concerns in the world's biggest oil-consuming nation.

The US Department of Energy said that US crude stockpiles jumped by 1.6 million barrels last week. That beat market expectations for a gain of 500,000 barrels, according to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires.



SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town: AFP photo shows South African Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan (Bottom L) speaking during the annual parliamentary meeting dedicated to the South African government budget, at the parliament in Cape Town, on February 22, 2012. South Africa said yesterday it would push ahead with an ambitious building plan that includes a 3.2 trillion rand (\$414 billion, 313 billion euros) investment in infrastructure over nine years.



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Fresh oil find in mineral-rich Sierra Leone

FREETOWN (AFP) - Sierra Leone yesterday announced a new offshore oil find near earlier discoveries that raised hopes for the economy of one of the world's poorest nations.

A government statement said the American-based Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (APC) had struck oil in its Jupiter-1 well off the coast of the west African nation - the third such find since 2012.

"The government of Sierra Leone congratulates Anadarko and its partners involved in the Jupiter discovery," said the statement.

Anadarko has a 55 percent interest in the block, with Spanish based Repsol holding a 25 percent interest.

The consortium made its first discovery in Sierra Leone in September 2009 at its Venus-B1 exploration well followed by a find in November 2011 at Mercury-1.

Sierra Leone remains one of the world's poorest countries after an 11-year civil war ended in 2002, however its di-

amond, gold, bauxite, titanium ore and magnetite iron-ore riches have attracted massive investments.

Global risk researcher Maplecroft this week warned in a report sent to AFP that careful management of iron-ore and oil revenues would be needed to avoid a renewal of the "resource curse" and the government thus needed to boost efforts to combat corruption.

The country is infamous for the sale of "blood diamonds" used to fund warlords during a conflict that was even made into a Hollywood movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

In 2011, a report from Sierra Leone said the country stands to generate more than \$100 million (70 million euros) annually once oil production gets underway, a significant boost to domestic revenues.

The find also raises the stakes ahead of November elections, the third since the end of one of Africa's bloodiest wars.

EU official assails 'Volcker rule' for banks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - EU internal market commissioner Michel Barnier criticized Washington for its "unilateral" push for tougher banking regulation, saying the proposed Volcker Rule would have a broad effect around the world.

Barnier, who oversees the finance industry in Europe, said Washington needed to consult other countries before finalizing the Volcker rule, which would place tough restrictions on the trading activities of both US and foreign banks that operate in the United States.

"It would not be acceptable that US rules that have such a wide effect on other nations and foreign capital markets be implemented without any international coordination," he told journalists after meeting with US officials.

"National rules can have serious effects abroad. That is why I am concerned about the

proposed implementation of the Volcker rule," he said.

The rule, named after former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker and part of sweeping post-crisis reforms, has come under widespread attack from foreign governments and financial regulators, as well as banks.

The rule, currently being weighed by US regulators, will

forbid banks from actively trading their own accounts to boost profits -- the so-called proprietary trade.

But foreign governments fear it would place excessive restrictions on foreign banks operating even outside the country. It would also effectively dry up liquidity in the markets for non-US sovereign bonds, they say.

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Unidos da Tijuca samba school wins 2012 Rio Carnival title

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - The Unidos da Tijuca samba school was Wednesday declared the winner of the 2012 Rio Carnival, with its tribute to the late singer and composer Louis Gonzaga, the "king of Baiao", a popular music style from Brazil's northeast.

In an eagerly awaited verdict, Carnival judges gave the title to Unidos da Tijuca, sporting blue and yellow colors and renowned for its creative and innovative artistic work, for the third time in its 81-year history.

The Salgueiro school, in red and white colors, finished second, with a parade paying homage to Cord literature, a popular genre in the northeast.

The genre refers to printed booklets containing folk novels, poems and songs which were traditionally sold by artists who displayed them hanging from cords.

As soon as the result became known, 10,000 elated Unidos da Tijuca fans kicked off wild celebrations at their headquarters.

The 13 elite Rio samba schools in contention for the title staged sumptuous night parades of floats and hundreds of exquisitely costumed performers at the renovated Sambodrome, the "temple of Samba", early this week.

The parades marked the high point of the pre-Lent bac-

chanalian Carnival festival, a national holiday celebrated with gusto throughout this huge and racially diverse country of 191 million people.

Unidos da Tijuca paraded some 4,000 dancers and several elaborately designed floats before a capacity crowd of 72,000 at the Sambadrome early Tuesday.

It highlighted the rich rural culture of the arid northeast, with a theme mixing traditional samba with the rhythms of forro, a typical northeastern

musical genre and dance.

The 40 judges gave their verdict based on choreography, music, dancing and creativity.

Some five million people, including 850,000 tourists, are believed to have attended the five-day Rio extravaganza, which ends Wednesday.

Billed as "the greatest show on Earth", the Rio Carnival also features hundreds of street bashes marked wild samba dancing and heavy beer consumption.

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J. K. Rowling to release book for adults

LONDON (AFP) - Harry Potter author J. K. Rowling has written a novel for adults, which she said would be "very different" from her best-selling books about the boy wizard, her publishers announced yesterday.

Publishers Little, Brown said they would release further details about the book, including the title and worldwide publishing date in print and electronic

form, later in the year.

The British writer has changed publishers for the project, leaving behind Bloomsbury, with whom she became the world's best-paid author.

"The freedom to explore new territory is a gift that Harry's success has brought me, and with that new territory it seemed a logical progression to have a new publisher," she said.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

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high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too



Gouda Burger 2

first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to

be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

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SPORTS

McIlroy wagers fires up sweet-tooth Wozniacki



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki serves the ball to Serbian's Ana Ivanovic during their WTA Dubai Open quarter-final tennis match.

DUBAI (AFP) - Caroline Wozniacki aims to win a bet with golfer boyfriend Rory McIlroy over their eating habits which she hopes will help her climb back to world number one.

Wozniacki followed a 6-3, 7-5 victory over former French Open champion Ana Ivanovic on Thursday to reach the Dubai semi-finals by revealing she has agreed to give up most of her favourite sweet treats.

In return McIlroy is relinquishing his favourites -- crisps, popcorn, sodas -- apparently for a considerable amount.

"Let's just put it this way," Wozniacki said. "I wouldn't do it for a pair of sunglasses. I wouldn't put myself through that."

The Dane's dashing court coverage certainly gave the impression of immaculate conditioning as she worked her way into the last four in defence of her Dubai Open title.

Wozniacki's excellent performance suggested that she may not suffer a disappointment similar to McIlroy's who led the field at the halfway stage of the Dubai Desert Classic here the week before last, only to finish fifth.

"Actually I think I'm going to win," she said, referring again to the bet. "I'm stubborn so I'm not going to give up. And I trust him, yeah. He's such a bad liar, so I would tell right away if he had eaten something unhealthy."

On Thursday, her game showed characteristically re-

silient containment of many of her opponent's attacks, which were often dangerously hard-hitting from Ivanovic.

Wozniacki was also creative with her changes of pace, and alert to spot the openings to counter-attack.

However Ivanovic, who was playing well enough to get past fellow former French Open champion

Francesca Schiavone in the first round, broke Wozniacki's

serve three times in the second set, and might well have made significant progress had she managed to reduce her number of double faults, which reached a costly nine.

"I'm disappointed definitely," said Ivanovic, who began the week by re-stating her belief that she can one day reach number one again.

Wozniacki's semi-final will be against Julia Goerges, the top 20 German, who overcame Daniela Hantuchova, the former world number five from Slovakia, by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Although Goerges is unseeded, she has beaten Wozniacki on the last two occasions, though both were on clay, a different surface from Dubai's. Wozniacki has won both their meetings on hard courts.

Football: Europa League results

PARIS (AFP) - Europa League last 32 second-leg results on Thursday:

At Bilbao, Spain

Athletic Bilbao (ESP) 1 (Muniain 62) Lokomotiv Moscow (RUS) 0

2-2 on aggregate; Athletic win on away goals

At Valencia, Spain

Valencia (ESP) 1 (Jonas 24) Stoke City (ENG) 0

Valencia win 2-0 on aggregate

At Enschede, the Netherlands

FC Twente (NED) 1 (Chadli 28) Steaua Bucharest (ROM) 0

FC Twente win 2-0 on aggregate

At Liege, Belgium

Standard Liege (BEL) 0 Wisla Krakow (POL) 0

1-1 on aggregate; Standard Liege win on away goals

At Eindhoven, the Netherlands

PSV Eindhoven (NED) 4 (Mertens 15-pen, Matavz 31, 53, Strootman 38) Trabzonspor (TUR) 1 (Yilmaz 43)

PSV Eindhoven win 6-2 on aggregate

At Bruges, Belgium

Club Brugge (BEL) 0 Hanover (GER) 1 (Mame Biram Diouf 21)

Hanover win 3-1 on aggregate

At Salonika, Greece

PAOK (GRE) 0 Udinese (ITA) 3 (Danilo 6, Flores 15, Domizzi 51-pen)

Udinese win 3-0 on aggregate

At Manchester, England

Manchester United (ENG) v Ajax (NED) (2-0)

At Lisbon

Sporting Lisbon (POR) v Legia Warsaw (POL) (2-2)

At Brussels

Anderlecht (BEL) v AZ Alkmaar (NED) (0-1)

At Madrid

Atletico Madrid (ESP) v Lazio (ITA) (3-1)

At Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Schalke 04 (GER) v Plzen (CZE) (1-1)

At Kharkiv, Ukraine

Metalist Kharkiv (UKR) v Salzburg (AUT) (4-0)

At Piraeus, Greece

Olympiakos (GRE) v Rubin Kazan (RUS) (1-0)

At Istanbul

Besiktas (TUR) v Sporting Braga (POR) (2-0)

Played Wednesday:

At Manchester, England

Manchester City (ENG) 4 (Aguero 1, Dzeko 76, Silva 84, Pizarro 86) Porto (POR) 0

Manchester City win 6-1 on aggregate



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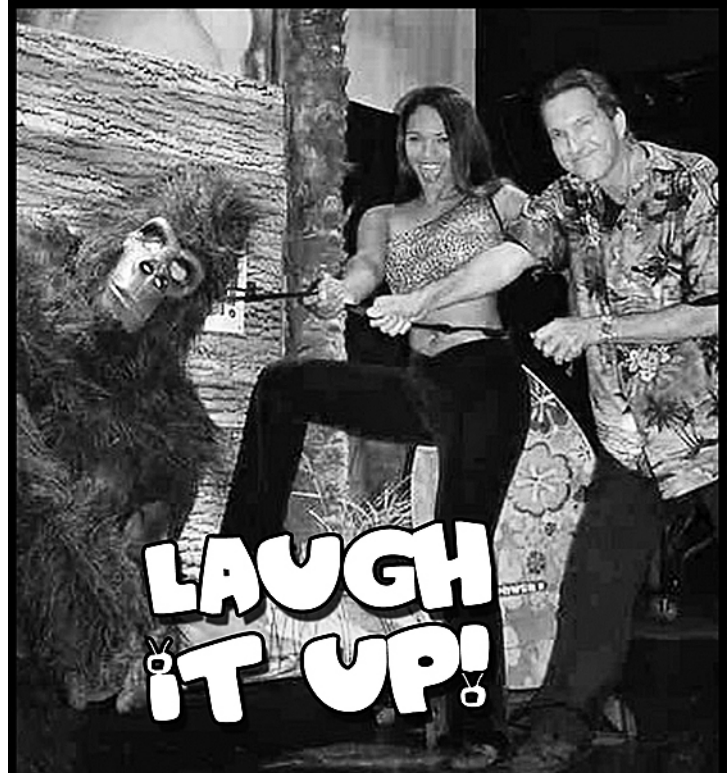
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Golf: Els ousts Donald, Tiger fights on at WGC Match-Play



Ernie Els of South Africa hits an approach shot

MARANA (AFP) - Top-ranked defending champion Luke Donald was hammered by Ernie Els on Wednesday while Tiger Woods had a narrow first-round escape at the World Golf Championships Match Play Championship.

South Africa's Els dumped the Englishman 5-and-4, only the third time in event history the top seed has been ousted in the opening round. Els won five of seven holes from the eighth to close out the match on the 14th hole.

"I was trying to just take it as a first round match," Els said. "There's always hype

when the No. 1 player is playing with the No. 64 seed but I think Luke and I took it for what it was.

"Obviously I can play a little bit of golf so I'm sure he didn't really want to face me. But that's the way it worked out. I played well. Luke had a bit of an off day and I'm obviously very pleased to go through."

Former World No. 1 Woods survived a scare before progressing through to the second day at the \$8.5 million event.

Despite losing the opening two holes, Woods clawed his way back against unheralded Spanish World No. 48 Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano to win 1-up and set up a second-round match with fellow American Nick Watney.

Donald was left to lament one of his poorer days out on the golf course. His four bogeys left him hung out to dry.

The result also means he could lose his status as World No. 1 should No. 2 Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland or No. 3 Lee Westwood of England go deep into the event. Both had reasonably comfortable first round victories.

"It's disappointing," Donald

said. "To lose control of the golf ball like I did today is really frustrating.

McIlroy didn't hold back when asked about the chance to arrest the top spot in the world after his 2-up win over South African George Coetzee.

"To be honest, I came in here yesterday and talked about if I play well and just win matches that will take care of itself," he said.

Facing a potential first-round elimination at the event for just the third time in his career, Woods won two of the last four holes and made a clutch up and down from a bunker on the 18th to seal the victory.

Fernando-Castano was left to rue a great chance at victory.

Top seeds in the other brackets moved on without much hassle.

Westwood had no trouble dismissing Belgium's Nicolas Colsaerts 3-and-1 and Germany's Martin Kaymer had an easier day out against Australian Greg Chalmers, triumphing 4-and-2.

Japanese superstar Ryo Ishikawa pulled off a miraculous comeback to upset last week's US PGA winner, Bill Haas.

Ishikawa, seeded 54th, was three down with five holes to play but won four of the final five holes, three with birdies, to take out the 11th seeded Haas 1-up.

In other upsets, 57th seeded Englishman Robert Rock took down eighth seed Adam Scott 1-up, 53rd-seeded South Korean Y.E. Yang took care of Northern Ireland's 12th-seeded Graeme McDowell 2 and 1 and 19-year-old Matteo Manassero, the 59th seed from Italy, took down US sixth seed Webb Simpson 3 and 2



LONDON, UK- Korea's Jiho Park and Yitaek Oh compete during the men's synchronised 10m platform Final at the FINA Diving World Cup, also doubling as a 2012 Olympics Test event, at the Olympic Aquatic Centre in east London, on February 23, 2012.

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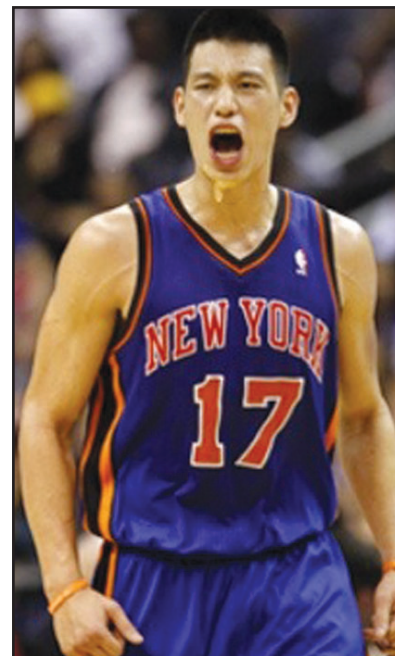
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Lin files to trademark "Linsanity" catchphrase



NEW YORK (AFP) - New York Knicks guard Jeremy Lin has filed to trademark the term "Linsanity" with the US Patent and Trademark Office, a move that would give the rising NBA star sole rights to use the term on products.

According to the trademark regulators' website, Lin filed his application to trademark the term on February 13, about 10 days after he burst into the spotlight as an unlikely bench-warmer turned hero for the Knicks.

Lin, whose parents are from Taiwan, was cut by two NBA clubs but given a chance to play when two Knicks starters were sidelined. Lin produced the most points and assists of

any NBA player in their first 10 starts since 1976.

His high-scoring games, last-second heroics and precise passing helped the Knicks win seven games in a row upon his arrival, sparking a phenomenon dubbed "Linsanity" by New York media that turned into a global following for Lin.

Lin's application is only one of seven that have been submitted to the US trademark office and indicates his interest in using the phrase on balls, toys, action figures, shirts and other clothing, shoes, caps, water bottles and bags.

While Lin is not the lone applicant, his efforts and fame have given the phrase its marketing value and thereby figure to make him the winner of the term.

Merchandise of Lin has become popular worldwide, including game-worn shoes and uniforms and trading cards. Tickets to Knicks games have leaped by more than 120 percent in resale markets, court-side seats going for thousands of dollars.

The NBA owns trademarks on Knicks items, such as a Knicks No. 17 jersey with Lin's name on the back.

Lin went undrafted by the NBA after playing basketball at Harvard University, where he earned a degree in economics.



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NBA: Don't expect Lin to play for US at Olympics - reports



NEW YORK (AFP) - USA Basketball executive director Jerry Colangelo says New York Knicks star Jeremy Lin is not in US plans for the London Olympics but could be invited to train with the team, reports said.

Colangelo told the New York Times and Time magazine that Lin is unlikely to be placed on the US Olympic squad despite his breakout performance over the past three weeks.

But an ESPN Twitter posting said Colangelo says Lin might be invited to train with the US Olympians during preparations for the Americans to defend their gold medal at the London Olympics in July and August.

"The players who already have time invested in the system have equity built up," Colangelo told the Times.

Lin, a 23-year-old US point

guard whose parents are from Taiwan, would have trouble cracking the Olympic lineup ahead of reigning NBA Most Valuable Player Derrick Rose of Chicago, Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook, New Jersey's Deron Williams and Chris Paul of the Los Angeles Clippers.

That does not even include Chauncey Billups, who was removed from a list of 20 finalists due to an injury. USA Basketball decided not to name a replacement given the depth already in place at the point guard position.

"It's hard to go from A to Z in one quick swoop and maintain the credibility of what you've put in place in the way of infrastructure," Colangelo told Time.

The finalists included 18 players who were members of the US 2010 world championship or 2008 Beijing

Olympic gold medal squads.

Colangelo did not rule out Lin playing in London, hedging bets in case of severe injuries to point guards during the remainder of the NBA season and playoffs.

But he told the Times that Lin is a candidate to be among younger players who are invited to train and scrimmage against the Olympic squad and take their first steps toward possible Olympic inclusion in 2016.

Lin was a benchwarmer who had been cut by two other NBA teams before being given a chance to play when the Knicks lost two starters and Lin responded by scoring nearly 24 points and making nine assists in 10 starts.

The Knicks went on a seven game win streak upon his arrival and have split four games since.

"There are players who have sat on the bench and come in and surprised people before, but this is more than a surprise -- he shocked people," said Colangelo.

While Taiwan has not qualified for the Olympics, China has a place in London and Lin has a grandmother from China, but such a move is considered unlikely at best.

"I'm not in a defensive situation with China," Colangelo said.

Lin has concentrated on improving the Knicks rather than possible Olympic overtures. In fact, he only this week has landed an apartment after waiting to see if the Knicks kept him for the remainder of the season.

The Wall Street Journal reports that Lin, who slept on a teammate's couch the night before his breakout effort with the Knicks, is renting an apartment on the 38th floor at the W Hotel in New York with a view of the Statue of Liberty.

Tennis: Jankovic upsets Stosur, into Dubai last four

DUBAI (AFP) - Former world number one Jelena Jankovic returned to somewhere nearer her best form on Thursday to upset Samantha Stosur and reach the semi-finals of the Dubai Open in her adopted home city.

It is the eighth-seeded Serb's first semi-final of the year and also her best win for 12 months as she beat the fourth-seeded US Open champion from Australia 6-4, 6-2.

Jankovic achieved it despite a slowly healing muscle tear in her left thigh which, she says, was originally "five point five centimetres long."

She mostly adopted a more assertive style than she once had, controlling more of the rallies, and reducing the amount of court she needed to cover.

Stosur, by contrast, appeared subdued, looked travel-weary, and sounded as if she might be suffering from a cold. Having a base locally may have aided the livelier Jankovic significantly.

It is seven years since she faced Lindsay Davenport in the final, and if she wins Friday's semi against Agnieszka Radwanska, the fifth seeded Pole, it will give Jankovic a chance of going one better than she did against the former

Wimbledon and US Open champion in 2005.

Jankovic survived a mini-crisis on her serve game in the seventh game when she came through three deuces, going on to make an important breakthrough for 5-3 in the next game.

She broke much earlier in the second set, in the third game, but was unable to consolidate it. Three break of serves in a row followed before Jankovic held for 4-2 and then broke again with the help of a Stosur double fault.

"I felt flat, and maybe it is all catching up with me," said Stosur, referring to the travel from Australia to Switzerland for the Fed Cup and now here. "But I can't make that an excuse."

Stosur nevertheless felt that this week and last (in Doha), which brought five wins in the Middle East, is an improvement on her recent form which has yet to deliver another title since her great triumph in New York in September.

Later a ruthless Radwanska came through to face Jankovic in little more than an hour.

She allowed only three games to Sabine Lisicki, even though the Wimbledon semi-finalist from Germany is this week at a career-high world ranking of 13.

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